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WARTIME FOOD BULLETIN

Among the best buys this week of snap beans, carrots, cabbage, potatoes and tomatoes, the latter shows the greatest reduction in price on the wholesale market. Supplies of Florida and Mexico tomatoes are fairly heavy and the quality is fair to good. The first of this year's crop from Texas should be with us in the near future.

New crop Texas potatoes are around fifty cents lower than they were last week, and while the onion situation is somewhat confused, with the market cleaning up on the high priced supplies on hand, it is expected that when we are able to get new supplies they will be considerably lower in price as ceiling prices have been established on the new crop at the shipping point.

An occasional car of apples is arriving on the market and we hope will continue to until we are able to get other fruits this summer. The price increases a very few cents each month, but only enough to take care of the additional storage. Prices of other fruits remain the same as for some time.

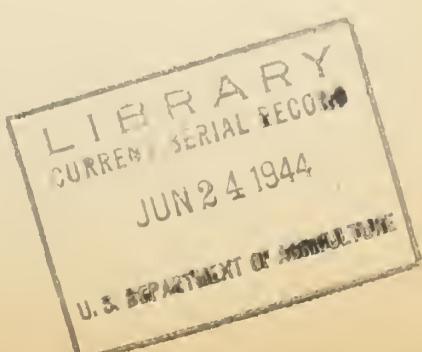
All greens are holding nearly steady in price and the quality is of the best, also there is a large selection to choose from. There are a few extra large bunched turnips of fine quality that are selling at slightly higher prices. You won't go wrong if you buy liberally of any of these greens.

Your main salad vegetables, lettuce and celery, are reasonable in price. Lettuce is selling at around a dollar a crate under the ceiling price now, so buy an extra head or so this weekend, as it should be around its low selling point now. Salads, to taste their best, should be served chilled, so do not prepare them too long before serving, and either add the salad dressing the very last thing or serve separately as it tends to make the salad wilt. A little care when you bring the salad vegetables from the market will help also. Remove the soiled or wilted leaves, wash carefully, drain and put in the ice box. This will save space and will allow the salad to be served in a crisp chilled condition.

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The first carload of Texas tomatoes of the new season has been shipped, and soon we may expect to see supplies of fine quality Texas tomatoes on our market. There are still heavy supplies of Florida and Mexican tomatoes on the market, but the quality is not as good as it was a few weeks ago, mainly because it is near the end of those crops in production now. However the price is attractive, and if they can be used quickly, are one of the best buys of the week.

A number of our old standbys are as usual the best buys this week, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, spinach and potatoes, there is also snap beans and white and yellow squash, which are not as plentiful as the others. Then there are the many kinds of greens and bulk beets and turnips.

Grapefruit is the best buy in fruit right now, and it is especially sweet and full of juice, as it is fully mature. It wont be with us much longer so use plenty of it while its avialable.

Onions are back in the lower price class this week, after having brought luxury prices since the new crop came into production. The new ceiling price became effective at the wholesale market this week, which is nearly one-half what they were selling for last week.

Supplies of Louisiana and Texas strawberries have been fairly light on the market, with the prices staying high. Florida cucumbers are a new addition to our vegetable list; however, supplies sofar have been very light.

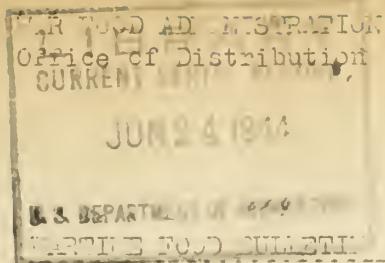
The War Food Administration has increased slightly civilian allocations of edible fats and oils for the present quarter over the first quarter of this year. Most of this increase will be in butter, shortening and cooking and salad oils. This I know will be welcome news to many housewives. In addition the indicated production of a large number of vegetables for this year is greater than ever before. We are the best fed Nation in the world.

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The list of best buys this week is so large that one could almost say that all vegetables are in that class, that is especially true of those grown in Texas, and one would have to hunt down the list to find one that isn't. Most of them are in full production now, and some are so plentiful that the demand is not sufficient to use all that is grown; consequently, they are selling below what is considered a fair profit for the producer. Each one of us can help by using all the fresh vegetables we can, and in this way we will also be getting the necessary vitamins we need to make us fit to carry on the added work the war effort asks of us.

Onions and tomatoes are the newest addition to the above list. The quality of the onions is just now getting fairly good, but the first tomatoes were very good. The price of both is very reasonable. The latest Early Spring indicated production by the Department of Agriculture of onions is 65% greater than 1943 and 64% more than the ten year average, on tomatoes it is 55% greater than 1943 and double the ten year average.

Strawberries are about the only high priced commodity on the market; they continue scarce and even higher than last week. Supplies of apples and bananas are light, but the price is moderate. There are moderate supplies of Avocados, eggplant, and pepers, and lettuce continues to sell around a dollar under the ceiling permitted.

Egg production is also high, and is expected to be for around another month, so everyone is asked to help use up this surplus. This is not a hard task because so many delightful things can be made from a dozen eggs. If each family used just one dozen eggs extra that would be thirty million dozen, which by the way is quite a few eggs.

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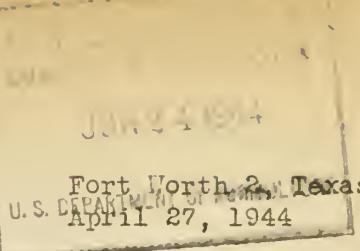
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As the season progresses our list of vegetables changes. This week we added green corn and blackeyed peas to the list. There were also light supplies of cucumbers, but there has been a few of these for the last couple of weeks. We have cleaned up the northern rutabagas that have been with us so long, and were such a welcome addition last winter. Our large stock of old potatoes that we have had for the past six months or more is dwindling fast now, so that most of the supplies from now on will be new stock. This coming week probably will see supplies of Louisiana and possibly some California potatoes on the market, besides the Texas supplies which we have been receiving. The Texas potatoes are nearing the end of that crop so that we will have to look elsewhere for supplies. Light supplies of Texas English peas have been on the market lately and we are looking for supplies from Mississippi the last of the week.

Strawberries were placed under ceiling price April 27, and are expected to be somewhat lower priced in your local store when you buy them this weekend.

There are many vegetables that are best buys this week, but outstanding are beets, cabbage, carrots, green onions, potatoes and tomatoes. Onions are getting still better in quality all the time and a few are now selling below ceiling price.

A few items were slightly higher in price this week because of light supplies in the producing areas at this time. These were celery, lettuce and sweet potatoes.

Citrus supplies were not as heavy as they have been and the price range is not as great as it was, as most of them are selling near the top of that range, which is the ceiling price. There were supplies of Arizona oranges and grapefruit the week to bolster the supplies from Texas, Florida and California,

Back on this market again after being absent for a while were light supplies of Texas broccoli and California rhubarb.

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